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1. FINNISH MFA LEGAL DEPT. HEAD GUSTAFSSON AT LUNCH FEB. 27 ASKED IF I HAD RECEIVED ANYTHING FROM WASHINGTON AS A RESULT OF HIS TALKS WITH OXMAN IN TEHRAN (REFTELS). HE ALSO NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A RECENT LOS EXPERTS' MEETING IN NEW YORK BUT THAT FINLAND HAD NOT BEEN REPRESENTED AT THIS MEETING. HE FURTHER NOTED THAT THE SOVIETS HAD BEEN ACTIVE ON LOS ISSUES IN BOTH SOTKCHOLM AND HELSINKI. HE SAID THE SOVIETS WHEN THEY HAD SEEN HIM INDICATED SWedes WERE READY TO CHANGE THEIR POSITION ON STRAITS ISSUE BUT SAID HE HAD TOLD SOVIETS FINLAND WAS ADHERING TO ITS PREVIOUS POSITION OF BEING BOUND BY ALAND ISLAND CONVENTION OF 1921.

2. I RESPONDED THAT WE HAD BEEN INFORMED GENERALLY OF HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH OXMAN IN TEHRAN AND THAT INDEPENDENTLY OF THIS WE HAD MADE SUGGESTIONS TO WASHINGTON THAT A WAY BE FOUND TO ELIMINATE ALAND ISLAND STRAIT'S PROBLEM FROM LIST OF BILATERAL ISSUES. HOWEVER, WE RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS ON

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STRAITS' PROBLEM WHICH HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH OXMAN.

3. COMMENT: GUSTAFSSON IS ONE OF THE MORE PRO-AMERICAN
OFFICIALS OF MFA. TO THE EXTENT THAT CONSIDERATIONS
OF THIS KIND SHOULD INFLUENCE OUR DECISIONMAKING, WE
WOULD URGE THAT WE GIVE HIM THE COURTESY OF SOME
SORT OF REPLY BEFORE GENEVA TO PROPOSALS HE MADE TO
OXMAN AT TEHRAN.

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